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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS BASED ON  
NOTCH PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

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In accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.

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